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ABOUT CHEROKEE REVENUES

It is not improbable that the government will have something other than smooth sailing in the collection of the Cherokee revenues yet. The hay men were made an example and were forced to pay the royalty and to sign an ironclad affidavit under oath, so that if they ever did ship without paying the tax they could be prosecuted for perjury. Many of the smaller cattle owners paid the revenue due on their cattle, but have since learned that the large cattle owners have flatly refused to pay, and of course the man who has been made to pay feels that he has been made a victim, and that he should either have his money back or else his neighbors be required to pay also. The government will certainly now be required to show its hand. If this tax is due the Cherokee, and of which there seems to be no doubt, then the government ought certainly to proceed regularly and promptly against all alike.

The question of the education of non-citizens, and citizens too, is being solved in at least one incorporated town in the Indian Territory. There is now no reason why a single child, red, white or black, should grow up in ignorance in Vinita. The laws have been made about all that law can do for incorporated towns anywhere, and each town in the Indian Territory should take care of its own educational interests. The town that does not establish and maintain a graded free school is simply behind the age and legislation cannot help such a community very much. All this cry about better educational advantages for the towns of the territory comes from towns that are not progressive enough to incorporate under the federal laws, and they are constantly whining about schools for the poor whites of the Indian Territory. It is a source of pride to be able to state that Vinita has a fine graded school, free to every resident of the town, and free to Cherokee families outside of the town within a radius of three miles. Come to Vinita.

A man who has made a great deal of money in Vinita made a remark the other day that certainly did him no credit. He said that the city board of school directors had made a mistake in allowing Cherokee citizens outside the limits of the city to send to school without paying tuition. He said that Cherokees would settle close around town and send their children to school and thus avoid paying taxes. We must say that this is an exceedingly narrow view to take of the matter. The Cherokee nation is paying three teachers employed in the public school and certainly that ought to silence every objection. The man who is afraid of being taxed to educate his neighbor's children is not very public spirited, to say the least of it.

The congressional Indian committee struck the keynote when it suggested to the Dawes commission that haste in the work would be a mighty good thing for the common Indian and a mighty bad thing for the monopolist. That is a lead which, if followed out, will result in a speedy solution of the whole Indian Territory problem.

The events that are transpiring both in the Indian Territory and at Washington, all have the effect of making the common Indian citizen want a title to his share of land more than ever. The only thing congress can now do for the Indian is to give him his land in individual allotment so that he may protect it.

The South McAlester Capital is trying to pick a quarrel by remarking that Col. Soper is of Muskogee. Soper is the only public official Vinita ever did have to actually live within his limits and some people even try to discredit that. The esteemed Capital is captious.

The coal mines at Dawson, in the western part of this nation, are now in operation again. They were closed some time ago by J. George Wright for non-payment of royalty due the Cherokee nation.

There seems to be a lull in affairs at Tahlequah since the adjournment of council. The Chief and Jeff Parks will hold the fort however, and see that the country is saved.

General Pleasant Porter, chief of the Muskogee nation, is in Washington looking after the interests of his people.

What Shall we do With Aguinado? In the January number of "The National Magazine," Peter MacQueen, their special representative lately returned from Manila, writes thus regarding the solution of a perplexing question: "The problem is to catch Aguinado; and then a new problem will come, what to do with him. To execute him would shock the moral sense of America, and make the present race hatred of us in Luzon a hundred times more intense. To imprison him would be to keep an open sore on the body politic. Reporters would get him, and he would be an American Dreyfus. The most satisfactory way, I think, would be either to encourage him to escape from the Archipelago altogether; or, having caught him, offer him full amnesty upon his taking the oath of allegiance. If he refuses to take the oath, that is going to complicate matters. But we will not build bridges."

Water Works at Bartlesville. The business men of Bartlesville have arranged with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company whereby the business portion of the town will be supplied with a water works system. The main leading from the river to the Santa Fe's big tank at the depot will be tapped and a sub-main will extend along Main street and every business house will be furnished with a hydrant.

A Claremore special to the St. Louis Republic dated the 3rd, says: "Robert Crone, the stockman, who was shot Friday at Nowata, I. T., presents a remarkable case in the annals of surgery. A 44 caliber ball entered his right temple and came out of his forehead on the other side of his head. About half a teaspoonful of his brain came out and his skull was trephined about four inches to better clean the ragged wound, yet he has not once lost consciousness, and is doing well and will apparently recover. When shot he fell from his horse and immediately got up and caught the animal. He is perfectly rational and told his attorneys where he had hidden his own shotgun a short distance from the shooting. He gets out of bed and walks around when he feels like it, and talks as if nothing had happened. He apparently doesn't feel the loss of half a teaspoonful of brains. He is under the care of a local physician."

There is a great deal being said about Carpet baggers in the Indian territory just now, perhaps more than a sober consideration of the circumstances and conditions prevailing here would warrant. If the officers are to be held only by those who are bona fide legal residents of the territory, the number would be narrowed down to a pretty narrow margin. The average resident is not very particular to distinguish between the men who came here from some of the states a year ago or a month ago, or whether he came here to hold office or to get married. The thinking portion of the people expect nothing else but to have public officials sent here from the outside just as long as we remain an unorganized and a disorganized territory. How else could it be? Perhaps statehood would relieve us but that consummation is still some years in the future.

The tyrannical sentence imposed upon Frank McMaster by Judge Henry Scott, of Guthrie, was set aside Saturday by the supreme court of Oklahoma. This was a noted case and McMaster served a jail sentence and edited his paper from the prison and was fined \$500. The trouble grew out of McMaster's criticisms of Scott's honesty and morality.

A number of Cherokee statesmen have grown wonderfully silent since the possibility of going as delegates to Washington has disappeared. Their patriotism burned brightly and their tongues were eloquently heralding the great necessity of a "strong delegation" until the delegation bill was swamped, and now they are sadly silent.

Probably the largest coffee mill in the Indian Territory is the one recently purchased by Spaulding & Co. and now used in their grocery department. It is a monster in size, being about eight feet high and has a capacity of grinding ten pounds of coffee every three minutes. The mill cost laid down here about \$100—Checotah Enquirer.

Bill Cook, the noted Cherokee outlaw, is said to be in a dying condition in the penitentiary at Albany, N. Y. He is serving a 45 year sentence for train robbery and murder.

The court of appeals at South McAlester adjourned Saturday afternoon until October. A number of important cases went over, including the Shelton-Hargrove case.

The Frisco railroad people are filling up the old wells along its tracks through this city, greatly to the comfort and delight of the man who walks about at night.

W. L. McWilliams was appointed postmaster at Miami yesterday.

COURT AT MUSKOGEE.

Docket for the Adjourned December 1899 Term Beginning Jan. 15.

3653 Jack Brewer, int and dispoing liq.
4203 Lee Herring, perjury.
4253 Wm L Holt, forgery.
4264 Reece Price, int and disp liq.
4307 James Richardson, int and disp liq.
4342 Ben Porter, int and disp liq.
4343 Ben Porter, int and disp liq.
4387 Dick Sharp, int and disp liq.
4393 Jack Green, maint gam house
4394 Jack Green, maint gam house
4544 Reece Price, disp liq.
4773 Rolley Davis and Lewis Luckey, disp liq.
4374 Rolley Davis and Lewis Luckey, disp liq.
4942 Edw Scott, larceny.

January 16.
4414 James M Johnson, disp mtg property.
4450 Wm Hance, disp liq.
4473 Albert Bradshaw, larceny.
4481 G W Scott, T B Reed and one Crutchfield, obst pub road.

4485 James West, larceny.
4507 Tom Wilson, gaming.
4526 Jack Harlow, disp liq.
4528 Chas Yohn, disp liq.
4536 Tom Wilson, disp liq.
4537 John Thomas, disp liq.
4546 John Thomas, gaming.
4923 D Bird, murder.

January 17.
4519 Myrtle Kidd, maint bawdy house.
4521 Mandy Jackson, maint bawdy house.
4542 Jim Richardson, disp liq.
4543 Jim Richardson, disp liq.
4582 O Dobson and L M Tipton.
4583 F M Miller, disp liq.
4641 Harris Johnson, larceny.

January 18.
4663 Edw Tyner, larceny.
4674 Warren Taylor, agg assault.
4690 W B Arterberry, larceny.
4697 Ben Ayree, disp liq.
4699 Berron A Tunnell, false pretense.
4729 Lucy Evans, larceny.
4730 Benj F Gray, obst pub road.
4735 Tom Sugar, assault to kill.

January 19.
4836 Ben Jones, assault to kill.
4740 Edward Ivey, murder.
4750 Lewis Flowers, assault to kill.
4758 Wm Jackson, larceny.

January 20.
4780 Emory E Bruce, arson.
4788 Emory E Bruce, assault to kill.
4799 J A Sample, timber depredation.
4813 Robert Cherry, larceny.

January 22.
4827 Cal West, larceny.
4828 Jas McFarland, murder.
4891 John Wheeler, larceny.
4894 Lee Peters, agg assault.
4895 Lee Peters, carrying weapon.
4793 John Cox, murder.
4826 Hark Reeves, larceny.

January 23.
4827 Jesse Landrum, larceny.
4905 Henry Sears, int liq.
4922 Chas Davis, Tobe Jefferson, Manuel Jefferson, Jas Jefferson, et al, larceny and rec stolen prop.
4926 Dan Manuel, larceny.
5007 Nancy Brown, murder.

January 24.
4927 Alex Clark, assault to kill.
4928 Tom Winton, permitting gaming.
4931 Geo Craig, Jr., assault to kill.
4932 Al Stevenson, disp liq.
4933 Joe Mitchell, Wm Smith, et al, burglary and larceny.
4933 John Hunt and Lon Hunt, larceny.

January 25.
4935 Reed Hammond and Elisha Shappard, larceny.
4936 Fuller Stanley, larceny.
4937 E A Jones, mailing obscene letter.
4939 John L Adams, dis mtg prop.

January 26.
4955 James W Appleton, larceny.
4924 one Paro and one Solomon lar.
4925 one Paro one Solomon lar.

January 27.
3589 Jonas Thomas, larceny.
4859 James Luckey and Dick Barnett, larceny.
3863 Mary Grayson, larceny.
4851 Leman Proctor, Robert Solider and Samuel Richards, lar.

January 29.
4721 Silas Childers, larceny.
4981 Kid Glass and Charles Hays, murder.

January 30.
4985 Walter McDaniel, larceny.
4441 Robert Gray and Bod Mayfield larceny.

January 31.
4901 Nelson M Jones et al, arson.
4705 Texas Ranger et al, arson.
4706 Julius Laird et al, arson.
4785 Nelson M Jones et al, kidnapping.

4986 James Castleberry, et al, kidnapping.
4787 Julius Laird, et al, kidnapping.
4788 Julius Laird et al, kidnapping.
4789 Texas Ranger et al, kidnapping.

4790 Texas Ranger et al, kidnapping.
February 5.
4694 Geo W Stidham, conspiracy.
4695 Geo W Stidham, conspiracy.
4724 F M Davis, Chas H Warth and S B Callahan, conspiracy.
4725 F M Davis, C H Warth and S B Callahan, conspiracy.
4726 S B Callahan, accessory to forgery.

INDIAN TERRITORY WORK.

Dawes Commission Asks for an Appropriation.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The members of the Dawes commission, who conferred with the secretary of interior, want to see congress pass at an early day the bill appropriating nearly \$700,000 for work in the Indian Territory.

Naturally their interest centers in the item for the salaries of the commission for the next fiscal year, as the passage of that item will insure the existence of the commission until 1901, but there may be opposition to some of the things asked for by the commission. There are many members of congress who believe that things are moving too slowly in the Indian Territory. They want to see the Indian problems down there worked out at the earliest possible date. Haste, they think, would be a good thing for the Indian and the government, while confessedly a bad thing for the rich and powerful Indian lobby. The time is near when congress is going to wage war upon the tortoise-like progress that is being made and it may even go to the length of abolishing the Dawes commission. There is much talk now of a territorial government for the Indian Territory.

The only bar to the adoption of it at this session is the cost it would entail. It would mean progress, however, and the fading away from Washington of many groups of men who for many years have made rich and profitable pickings of the Indians' bones.

Territory Court of Appeals. The court of appeals was very interesting last Saturday. Following are the proceedings:

264 Jacob L Wasson vs Mahala Burk, submitted on briefs.
265 Richard A Sneed vs J W Sparks, motion to affirm judgment withdrawn, and appellant's motion to dismiss sustained.
266 James M Smith vs A F Merrifield et al, motion to affirm judgment withdrawn and appellant's motion to dismiss sustained.
267 N B Maxey et al vs J Geo Wright, affirmed. This is the case known as the lawyer's case, and was decided adversely to the lawyers.

151 Thos J Hunt et al vs Andrew Hicks et al, affirmed; opinion by Chief Justice Clayton.
228 Hiram Quigley vs G Stephens, reversed and remanded; opinion by Clayton.

133 Smith-McCord Dry Goods Co vs S M Perry, reversed and remanded; opinion by Clayton.
268 G M D Holford vs Virginia C James et al, submitted on oral argument of appellee and briefs filed and to be filed.
272 W A Ledbetter vs A M Burch, motion to affirm judgment of court below sustained.

269 J K Hardeman et al vs Katie Turner et al, motion to dismiss appeal sustained.
230 Dennis Nolen vs the United States, submitted on briefs.
276 John Craggs vs J A Bohart, submitted on briefs.
277 Chas Merrell vs Katy Martin et al, submitted on briefs. Appellee granted thirty days to file brief.

Rules of court amended changing the meeting of the court from the first Tuesdays in January and April, to the first Tuesdays of April and October of each year. It was ordered that the court adjourn until the first Tuesday of October, so there will be no June term of the court.

Rule amended so that mandate will not be sent from this court to the court below until sixty days from the judgment of the court unless specially directed by the court.

Rule of the court in regard to printing records amended so that hereafter all records will be printed under the supervision of the clerk of this court, and the cost of printing to be not more than 80 cents per page.

Court adjourned until first Tuesday in October.

Refuses to appropriate. A telegram was received from Inspector Wright by Dr. Brazeal this morning stating that congress had refused to make an appropriation to assist in defraying the expenses of stamping out the smallpox in this country.

When we need help for anything congress thinks we are able to take care of ourselves in this country, and we could get along in Wagoner without any assistance from Uncle Sam if congress would unbridle the country and turn it loose. If we can submit to the robbery that has been imposed upon us by taxation and let Uncle Sam continue to run us in his high-handed way, and then take care of ourselves, and even grow rich, powerful and happy, we are certainly a wonderful people. A great country!—Wagoner Sayings.

Eufaula has another newspaper, the Gazette, the first issue of which was printed Friday last. V. B. Winn is the business manager.

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DANGER OF SMALLPOX.

No Court Should be Held in Vinita at This Time.

The smallpox situation in the Northern district is such that it will certainly be very unsafe to attempt to go on with the term of court set to begin at Vinita next Monday. We are not informed as to what action, if any, the court people purpose taking, but certain it is conditions are such as to render it dangerous in the extreme to attempt to hold court here at this time.

We have no smallpox in Vinita and we do not want it. There are a number of cases across the river, in Delaware district. Several families have it already and a large number have been exposed. Near Pryor creek, on the south of us, the disease has broken out. Geo. Mayes' family has it, and he is on the list of grand jurors; the jurors and witnesses from all over the country will have to come to town, and under present conditions it would be a miracle if the disease did not break out here in our midst if an attempt is made to hold court at this time.

It will hurt the trade of the town of course, but the evil would be far greater should we allow the disease to get into our city at this time. If the town is properly quarantined our schools can go right on, and business will be less disturbed than were we to allow the disease to get a foothold within our limits. The part of wisdom at this time would certainly be to postpone the next term of court indefinitely, or until warm weather. The board of health have very properly taken steps to have the school children vaccinated, and every other precaution will be observed to protect the people of Vinita but if court opens here next Monday and people congregate here from all over the district the chances are that we will be doomed.

Territory Doctor Heir to \$50,000.

Dr. A. D. Barnett, living ten miles south of Dawson, I. T., has left for Toronto, Canada, to take possession of a fortune of \$50,000 bequeathed him at the death of his grandmother. The doctor has lived here for the last five years in reduced circumstances. He will return to the territory and engage in the cattle business.

Changes may come to the Indian Territory, but five cents a mile still remains the fare on the Katy.

THE COMMENTATOR.

Wagoner Sayings on the Smallpox Situation in that City.

There seems to be a difference of opinion as to the identity of the malady with which those colored residents in the southwest portion of this city are afflicted. Dr. Fite, the quarantine officer, after an inspection of the cases, pronounced them smallpox. Other doctors inspect them and say they are not; which is reminiscent of a certain remark about doctors disagreeing. Possibly a reason the doctors cannot get together on the matter is that the average doctor doesn't have calls to smallpox patients with any great degree of frequency, and he should not be censured because he does not invariably fail to differentiate between smallpox and black measles, especially where the patient is a colored person.

But in this progressive age, when discoveries in every field of human effort are being made, may not this malady be added in the next edition of the catalogue of new diseases doctors have found in recent years?

We have seen this disease termed "Cuban itch" and "elephant itch." While we are not informed as to the reason for this nomenclature, if it came from Cuba it will probably be listed with the other nice things such as leprosy, Hawaiian hoochee-couchee, Sulu harem, and stamp tax we have acquired since we expanded. The use of the term "elephant itch" is a disconcerting thing. And it is the more we ought to think that the more we expand the more surface we will have to scratch.

The w lines preceding are intended to assist in allaying any alarm our readers may be feeling. However, it is well not to believe ourselves too secure. All smallpox looks alike to us, and when we see the yellow flag there is no necessity for a wigwag code. Regular habits, vaccination and cleanliness are advised, and we shall have our arm periodically punctured, take our usual bath and quit playing poker later than 10 p. m.

For the smallpox germ is a fear-some thing—a sort of a "big bug" among the microbes and, like a true aristocrat, he travels incognito.

We sincerely hope that these we have with us are not the real thing—that they are shoddy aristocracy, that they are like Republican prosperity—a bogus article.

Smallpox in Oklahoma.

The smallpox epidemic in Oklahoma has assumed formidable proportions, although, fortunately, the disease has proven fatal only in rare instances. The largest number of cases reported from any one town was in Oklahoma City, where fourteen cases were nursed through to recovery. The fact of the existence of the disease in that town was kept a secret until the last patient had recovered, when the local papers revealed the state of things which had existed. The scare caused by the prevalence of the scourge is evidenced in a number of ways, notably in the precautions taken by school officials. The reopening of the El Reno city schools after the holiday vacation was postponed until today, while the Enid schools have not yet resumed work for the spring term.

The greatest scare, however, is felt by the negro population of the territory. From some localities a general exodus of negroes has set in, the frightened citizens in most instances removing to Indian districts where the disease has not yet appeared. There are said to be 500 cases of smallpox in Kay county, nearly half of them being reported from the town of Newkirk.

SELECTED SMILES.

"Papa, dear, why are these water-proof shoes called 'gutta percha'?" "Because, my little girl, they enable you to perch in the gutter without getting wet."

"How old are you, little girl?" asked a kind lady of a 3-year-old. "I'm not old at all," was the reply. "I'm almost new."

Perils of Commercial Life.—"Henry came home furious last night." "What was the matter, daughter?" "Why, mamma, I had put two eggs in his luncheon and forgot to cook them."

Said Boaz to Ho, such a one!

"I thought to advertise thee, saying, buy it, before the inhabitants and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem it, redeem it, but if thou wilt not redeem it, then tell me that I may know; for there is none to redeem it beside thee." And he said, I will redeem it!" Of course he did. He was doing business on the square. So are we, when we say we will redeem Orloff's Russian Grippe Cure if you don't find it the best, cough cure you ever used we mean every word we say. You don't have to buy it before the elders or the youngsters or any other witness either.

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